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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 2, 6-16 and 21 were previously cancelled without prejudice. This Amendment cancels claim 23, without prejudice, and amends claim 17. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The eye drop container as defined in claim 17, wherein said dispensing body portion has a threaded portion formed integral therewith for detachable meshing a cap to seal the second body segment of the dispensing body portion.

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4. (Previously Presented) The eye drop container as defined in claim 17, wherein said second body segment has a depth in a range of 2 to 7mm.

5. (Previously Presented) The eye drop container as defined in claim 17, wherein said second body segment has an opening diameter adjacent the tip end in a range of 2 to 4mm.

6-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) An eye drop container, comprising:
a flexible hollow body portion having a closed end for containing a liquid therein; and

a dispensing body portion having a tip end spaced from the closed end of the hollow body portion, with the liquid free to move within the container between the flexible hollow body portion and the dispensing body portion, the dispensing body portion, comprising:

a first hollow body segment having an external circular surface and an opposite internal circular surface, with the external circular surface having decreasing diameter as the distance from the tip end decreases to have the smallest diameter at the tip

end, and the internal circular surface having decreasing diameter as the distance from the tip end decreases; and

a second body segment extending from the tip end into the first segment, the second segment having an outside circular surface and an opposite internal surface, with the internal surfaces of the first and second segments facing one another, spaced from one another, and the external surface of the second segment having increasing diameter as the distance from the tip end decreases, with the second segment at a predetermined distance from the tip end terminating in a small-diameter instilling hole, the internal surface of the second body segment providing a passageway, wherein the passageway has no obstruction such that the liquid is free to move through the passageway and out of the tip end.

wherein said hollow body portion and the dispensing body portion are integrally and unitarily formed as one piece to form a blow-mold product or a vacuum-mold product,

wherein the tip end of the external surface has a bowl-shaped curved surface that is free of burrs, and

wherein applying a predetermined pressure to the body portion moves a predetermined amount of the fluid in the container through the instilling hole.

18. (Previously Presented) The eye drop container as defined in claim 17, further comprising a cap detachably secured to the dispensing body portion, the cap comprising an internal nib shaped to engage selected portions of the external walls of the second body segment when the cap is securely mounted on the hollow body portion.

19. (Previously Presented) The eye drop container as defined in claim 17, wherein the internal surface of the second body segment are circular, with the diameter of the internal surface of the second body segment decreases as the distance from the tip end increases.

20. (Previously Presented) The eye drop container as defined in claim 19, wherein outer surface portion of the hollow body portion adjacent the dispensing body portion has external threaded portion formed integrally therewith, and further comprising a cap having an open end, internal threads sized to mesh with external threaded portion of

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hollow body portion, and a closed end having a nib shaped to engage selected portions of the external walls of the second body segment when the threads of the cap are detachably meshed with the threaded portion of the hollow body portion.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (previously Presented) The eye drop container as defined in claim 17, wherein the tip end of the external surface has a bowl-shaped curved surface formed by elimination of burrs produced by the blow molding or the vacuum molding.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The eye drop container as defined in claim 17, wherein the second body segment is terminated at a predetermined distance from the tip end to have a shape for forming a small-diameter instilling hole penetrated through the second body segment, the small-diameter instilling hole being capable of controlling, at a set quantity, the liquid pushed out of the flexible hollow body portion.